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In re Application of: :
ZHU *et al.* :
Application No. 09/627,841 :
Filed: July 28, 2000 :
Attorney Docket No. MEW1855/055 :

**DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW HOLDING
OF ABANDONMENT**

This is a decision on the petition filed April 21, 2003. The petition has been treated as a petition under 37 CFR § 1.181, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above application. No petition fee is required.

The petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment is **GRANTED**.

The application was held abandoned for the failure timely file a response to an Office action mailed on August 29, 2002. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 26, 2003.

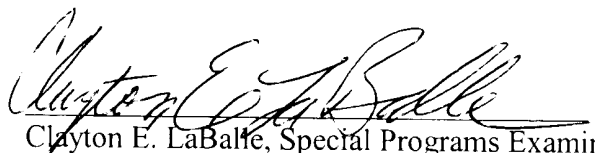
Petitioner asserts that on February 28, 2003, a response was filed. In support of this assertion, petitioner has submitted a copy of the response and a copy of the itemized postcard receipt bearing a date stamp of receipt in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of March 19, 2003 of an amendment and a check for \$920.

A review of the application file reveals the above noted response was not matched with the application file wrapper at the time of mailing of the Notice of Abandonment. The above identified response filed February 28, 2003 has since been located and matched with the file wrapper.

For the above stated reason, the petition is granted. The Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn. The application is restored to pending status.

The application file is being forwarded to the Technology Center 2800 support staff for processing the response. From there, the application will be forwarded to the examiner for taking appropriate action.

Inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Clayton E. LaBalle at (703) 308-0519.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Clayton E. LaBalle". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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